The Government of Andhra Pradesh has further informed that a Detail Feasibility Study has been planned for introduction of Metro Railway (at grade elevated mass transit system) in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

(c) Does not arise.

Abolition of hire purchase scheme by DDA

1962. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a move to abolish hire purchase scheme by the DDA in future;

(b)if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what else DDA propose to do?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No. such proposal is at present under DDA's consideraiton.

(b) and (c) Quesiton do not arise.

Proposal to implement the Elrts project at Bangalore

1963. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has proposed to implement the Elevated Light Rail System (ELRTS) project at bangalore on BOOT basis;

(b)whether it is also a fact that the Railway Ministry is claiming administrative control over the project;

(d) if so, the ground for staking such a claim;

(d) whether it is true that the State Government of Karnataka has objected to the Railways staking their claim on the project;

(e) if so, the view points of Karnataka Governemnt; and

(f) which authority is exercising administrative control over similar projects in other places where such projects have been or are being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Ministry of Railways have stated that they are not claiming any administrative control over the project;

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) It has been intimated by Govt. of Karnataka that the ELRTS is a mass transportation system which is being estabilished wholls within the municipal limits of the city of bangalore, and hence would come under the definition of a ""Tramway" as defined in both the Railways Act, 1989 and article 366 (20) of the Constitution. As such it is excluded from the purview of the Railways Act which does not apply to a ""tramway wholly within a municipal area."

(f) Urban Transport is a State subject and the respective State Governments are expected to implement such projects. Hwever, at the Central Government level, Ministry of Urban Development is responsible for planning and coordination of such projects, with technical planning for the same remaining with Ministry of Railways.

Central Contribution to Elrts projects in Bangalore

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(a) whther it is a fact that the Govenment of Karnataka has proposed to implement the Elevated light Rail System (ELRTS) project at bangalore on BOOT basis;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have made a budgetary allocation of Rs. 67 crores in the Ninth Five Year Plan as its equity contribution to the Bangalore ELRTS;

(d) whether it is true that the State Government has requested for enhancing the Central contribution to Rs. 500-550 crores; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction in this regard and the current status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.